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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN MILITARY MISSION IN BERLIN

REFS: (A) USBER 697; (B) CANBERRA 2662;  
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SUMMARY: AUSTRALIA HAS DECIDED TO MAINTAIN A TOKEN  
MILITARY MISSION IN BERLIN. END SUMMARY.

1. IN A NOTE DATED JUNE 30, 1976, THE AUSTRALIAN  
EMBASSY IN BONN INFORMED US THAT THE RECONSIDERATION OF  
THE STATUS AND TITLE OF AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATION IN  
BERLIN HAD BEEN COMPLETED.

2. THE AUSTRALIANS HAVE DECIDED TO TRANSFER TO BONN  
THE CONSULAR FUNCTIONS OF THEIR CONSULATE GENERAL/  
MILITARY MISSION IN BERLIN. HOWEVER, THEY WILL "RETAIN  
A PRESENCE IN WEST BERLIN IN THE FORM OF AN OFFICE OF  
THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY MISSION." THE AUSTRALIAN  
AMBASSADOR WILL REMAIN AS THE HEAD OF THE MISSION.

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ACCORDING TO THE NOTE, HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE

EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE REGULAR VISITS TO BERLIN.

3. THE AUSTRALIAN NOTE GOES ON TO SAY THAT THE OFFICE OF THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY MISSION WILL ACT AS A LIAISON OFFICE BUT WILL HANDLE ONLY MINOR CONSULAR AND INFORMATIONAL MATTERS. THE OFFICE WILL BE STAFFED BY ONE LOCAL EMPLOYEE. OTHER PERSONNEL, AUSTRALIAN AS WELL AS LOCAL, WILL BE PHASED OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SIMILAR NOTES WERE SENT TO THE BRITISH AND THE FRG.

5. COPIES OF THE NOTES ARE BEING POUCHED TO EUR/CE (KORNBLUM) AND TO USBER (SEMLER).  
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